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Animal Services Giving Away Free Starbucks Coffee Friday Morning

The word “dog” can be found in “doughnuts.”

Not that that’s the reason Animal Services is giving away free doughnuts Friday, June 1, at 9 a.m. at the Banning Shelter – Riverside County’s first official day as the operator of the shelter.

Director Robert Miller said that the doughnuts – and free Starbucks coffee – just sounded like a good way to get things started. It’s simply Animal Services’ way to say, “hello, welcome,” Miller said.

“We wanted to let the public know on Day No. 1 that we’re excited about representing the Pass Region and a jelly-filled doughnut is a fun way to say that,” Miller said.

This spring the cities of Banning and Beaumont agreed to contract with Riverside County Animal Services. The city of Calimesa had already contracted with Animal Services, dating to the mid-1990s. But now Calimesa strays and lost pets will be transported to the Banning shelter.

“We know there are wonderful pet owners, and soon-to-become pet owners, in Banning, Beaumont and Calimesa and beyond,” Miller said.

Friday is also a great day for the public to find out how to volunteer at the shelter or become a member of the growing animal foster care community, Deputy Director Betsey Webster said.

Roughly 20 community animal advocates signed up as volunteers or came to learn more about Animal Services programs for the Banning Shelter during a May 17 meeting at the Banning Community Center.

The Starbucks coffee is courtesy of the Banning Starbucks, located at 2270 W. Ramsey St.

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